
Title: Reagents

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* Black Pearl
For Spells of Protection

Born of an oyster bathed
in water magic, a black
pearl channels energy of
projection in manners
both forceful and absurd.
Like the water from
which it was born, black
pearl can bind spells of
thrown magic. In equal
measure, it can make
quite a mess. As a young
apprentice, I sought to
bind a Fireball spell and,
in poor performing the
Ritual of Binding, engulfed
my spellbook in flame. A
Few mages have found
steady sources of Black
Pearl, yet they are
loathe to reveal them.

* Blood Moss
For Spells of Movement
The energy of blood
roiled in battle imbues a
common type of moss
with a magical potential
that is suitable for
Spells of Movement. In
binding with this reagent,
the mage draws from it
the carriage power of
the blood contained
therein. Sadly, the moss
seems to favor the
blood of virgins, and
reports of abuses have
spread from the
hinterlands.

* Garlic
For Spells of Protection
For eons, common garlic
has warded off creatures
of undead enchantment,

though some have
developed resistances over
time. In magical
application, garlic has
powers of protection that
invest themselves in the
binding of these spells.
Yet the usage of garlic
can make one weep like a
child. Against this power,
there is scant protection.

* Ginseng

For Spells of Curing
in ancient eras,
Ginseng was crushed into a
fine powder and added to
the ale of warriors on
the eve of battle. Many
awoke dead in the
following morning, and
much good ginseng was
wasted. While you may
choose to use ginseng as
a primitive invigorator,
such a preparation
releases a sliver of its
restorative powers. In
magical application, ginseng
binds curative spells and
in the glimmer after the
binding surrounds your
person in a pleasant
scent.

* Mandrake Root

For Spells of power
Mandrake root was known
to mages of yore as the
Root of Life for its
aptitude in binding spells
of power. Once thriving
on silted riverbanks,
this root in the shape of
a human form has since
become quite scarce.
When found, keep it on
your person, as the
lowliest thief knows its
value on the black
market.

* Nightshade

For Spells of Illusion &
Poison
A deadly plant if eaten,
nightshade can bind
illusions or, if used by

different method, spells of Poison, Nightshade is so named for its nocturnal growing habits. Of such rarity is this reagent that few know to begin a search after the day has passed. For they who do, such a search is often futile, as nightshade is visible only by means of spellmagic. Yet it can be found throughout the Lands.

* Spider's Silk

For Spells of Binding & Holding

Little in the natural world has the tensile strength of a spider's webbing. An ounce of this predator's trap, prepared by a mage, can bind spells of holding and binding. Use spider's silk that has been prepared under proper standards. Though you may find natural samples in your travels, a magic shop knows your intent better than the spider that spun it.

* Sulfurous Ash

For Spells of Amplification

Sulfurous ash holds the energy of friction from the volcanic eruption that begot it. For magical uses, ash is mixed with other reagents to amplify the energy effects of a spell. So powerful is this reagent that experienced mages can hold a spellbook and know by touch its ashen contents.